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We are responding to your request for information received 6th August 2026. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request: I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from all NHS London Hospital Trusts. Please could you provide answers to the questions below regarding cannabis-based products for medicinal use (CBPMs).

Please answer yes/no where possible. Where quantitative data is required, please provide numerical values if possible.
If you are unable to answer any questions, please complete the questionnaire as best you can and include any available relevant information or data.

Question 1: Clinical Protocols

The following questions relate to your trust's policies and procedures for managing patients who are prescribed cannabis-based products for medicinal use (CBPMs).

- a. Does your trust have a written clinical protocol or policy for managing patients who are prescribed CBPMs?
- b. Has this protocol been approved by your Drugs and Therapeutics Committee or equivalent governing body?
- c. Does your trust have a policy requiring clinical staff to document when a patient requests or discloses use of a cannabis-based medicinal product?
- d. Has your trust ever received a formal complaint relating to the management of a patient's prescribed CBPM?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not prescribe cannabis-based products for medicinal use (CBPMs). The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Pharmacy Infrastructure

The following questions relate to your trust's pharmacy capacity and storage facilities for cannabis-based products for medicinal use (CBPMs).

- a. Does your trust pharmacy hold any licensed CBPMs routinely?
- b. Does your trust pharmacy hold a Specials licence, or have the ability to procure Specials, to fulfil CBPM prescriptions?
- c. Does your trust pharmacy have Schedule 2 controlled drug storage facilities capable of storing CBPMs?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3: Prescribing Activity

The following questions relate to your trust's prescribing activity for cannabis-based products for medicinal use (CBPMs) since they were legalised in November 2018.

- a. **How many CBPM prescriptions have been initiated by trust clinicians since November 2018, and of these, how many prescriptions are fulfilled via outsourcing to private clinics?**
- b. **How many CBPM prescriptions have been continued or renewed by trust clinicians since November 2018?**
- c. **How many patients are currently receiving CBPMs under trust care?**
- d. **Has your trust ever referred a patient to a private clinic for CBPM prescribing because it was unable to prescribe on the NHS?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 4: Training

The following questions relate to your trust's training provision for clinical staff on cannabis-based products for medicinal use (CBPMs).

- a. **Has your trust delivered any formal training to clinical staff on managing patients prescribed CBPMs, or has your trust outsourced this training to external organisations?**
- b. **How many clinical staff have received formal training on managing patients prescribed CBPMs since November 2018?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 4 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 5: Staffing

The following questions relate to your trust's clinical staffing capacity to prescribe and manage cannabis-based products for medicinal use (CBPMs).

- a. Does your trust have a doctor who is on the GMC Specialist Register that can prescribe medical cannabis?
- b. Has your trust made any application for funding to support CBPM prescribing infrastructure, and if so, what was the outcome?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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